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SUBJECT: BERLIN AND DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT

REF:(A) BONN 18892; (B) PARIS 6764(NOTAL); (C) PARIS  
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1. EMBASSY BONN'S REPORT IN REF A DOES NOT OVERSTATE  
STRONG FRENCH HOSTILITY TOWARD PERMITTING BERLINERS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN DIRECT ELECTIONS OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.  
FRENCH GOVERNMENT LOOKS AT THIS -THROUGH OPTIC  
OF ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BERLIN RATHER  
THAN IN TERMS OF MOVING EUROPE TOWARDS CLOSER POLITICAL  
UNION. CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN WE RAISE WITH DUFOURCQ (QUAI  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE) SUBJECT OF ROLE OF  
BERLINERS IN EC PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS, HE MAKES ABSOLUTELY  
CLEAR THAT THE QUAI TREATS THE SUBJECT AS A "BERLIN"  
ISSUE AND NOT AS AN "EC" ISSUE AND HE REFERS US TO THE  
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GERMAN DESK AT THE QUAI. PLAISANT (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR

FOR CENTRAL EUROPE) HAS DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HAS UNDERLINED VERY STRONG FRENCH SUPPORT FOR "INDIRECT ELECTION" FORMULA AS ONLY APPROACH COMPATIBLE WITH ALLIED INTERESTS IN BERLIN.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IN THE PAST PLAISANT HAS TAKEN A CONSISTENTLY FIRM LINE IN URGING THAT ALLIES EXAMINE VERY CLOSELY FUTURE APPLICATION OF EC DEVELOPMENTS TO BERLIN TO INSURE THAT ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING BERLIN ARE NOT ERODED (SEE REFS B AND C, FOR EXAMPLE). GIVEN THE CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PLAISANT AND SAUVAGNARGUES, THIS IS PROBABLY THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEW AS WELL. THUS, VIEWED FROM THE PARIS PERSPECTIVE, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY BONN'S RECOMMENDATION TO DROP FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF "DIRECT ELECTION" OPTION IS SOUND AND HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL AGREE WITH IT.  
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